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As part of my duty as a citizen, I respond to your request for public comment regarding the proposed settlement to the US v Microsoft, as well as the assorted state cases v. Microsoft.

I call for the US Government to stand firm in its resolution against an illegally maintained monopoly. Do not settle without firm _and severe_ consequences for Microsoft should it violate any other law. Microsoft has shown repeatedly its disdain for United States Law, as well of that of many states. It is likely and expected that if Microsoft emerges from these Anti-trust proceedings relatively unscathed, then it will violate the law again, it will cost US taxpayers and consumers, and it will stagnate innovation in the PC platform.

Instead of allowing Microsoft to have a wonderful outcome to this case, force them instead to open their API's, force them to open their source code. Even if the source is open, they may still compete. Let the best software development companies win. It opens the marketplace, and it is NOTHING close to corporate communism as recent Microsoft-sponsored ads and lobbying have suggested.

Regardless of what you do after this, I urge you in the strongest possible way to reject the proposed settlement and try again, this time, acting in the best interest of consumers, not business.

Thanks so much for your time and attention in this very crucial matter to the whole technology industry.

Yours,

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